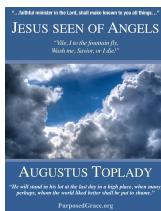


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(PSALM 28:8)



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1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-21 — IMPOSSIBLE

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HELD UP IN GOD'S ARM

“...KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION READY TO BE
REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.” (1 PETER 1:5)

We do not wonder to see a man of strong constitution, that eats his bread heartily and sleeps soundly, live; but for a crazy body, full of pains and infirmities, to be so patched and shored up by the physician's art that he stands to old age, this begets some wonder in the beholders. It may be thou art a poor trembling soul, thy faith is weak, and thy assaults from Satan strong; thy corruptions stirring and active, and thy mortifying strength little; so that, in thy opinion, they rather gain ground on thy grace than give ground for it. Ever and anon thou art ready to think thou shalt be cast a wreck on the devil's shore; and yet to this day thy grace lives, though full of leaks. Now, is it not worth the stepping aside to see this strange sight? A broken ship, with masts and hull rent and torn, thus towed along by Almighty power through an angry sea and armadas [fleet of the warships] of sins and devils, safely into his harbor? To see a poor taper or rush candle in the face of the boisterous wind, and not blown out? In a word, to see a weak stripling of grace held up in God's arm still he defeats the devil? This God is doing in upholding thee; thou art one of those babes out of whose mouth God is perfecting his praise, by ordaining such strength for thee, that thou, a babe in grace, shalt yet foil a giant in wrath and power.

[PASTOR] **WILLIAM GURNALL** (1616-1679)

HE WILL KEEP, SAVE, OWN, & ACKNOWLEDGE ME

“WHO ART THOU, O GREAT MOUNTAIN? BEFORE ZERUBBABEL THOU SHALT BECOME A PLAIN: AND HE SHALL BRING FORTH THE HEADSTONE THEREOF WITH SHOUTINGS, CRYING, GRACE, GRACE UNTO IT.”

(ZECHARIAH 4:7)

[Beloved] as for me, I labor under the scourge of many tongues; I shall be everything that is bad while alive, and everything that is good when dead. *“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God”* (ACTS 20:24). I know in WHOM I have believed, WHOM I love, and WHOM I serve with a pure conscience [2 TIMOTHY 1:3]. My reward is before me, and my work is with my God. HE alone called and commissioned me; HE sent me and blessed me, and HE will keep, save, own, and acknowledge me, and receive me to HIMSELF when the building of mercy is completed, and the top-stone brought forth with the double shout of “Grace, grace, unto it!” [AMEN!]

[PASTOR] WILLIAM HUNTINGTON S.S. (1674-1748)

HE WILL SAVE

“...HE WILL SAVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER THEE WITH JOY...”

(ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

Beloved, our Lord and God “*will save*.” Not only *shall* He save, but “*He will save!*” He gave Himself as our sacrifice, voluntarily, in the Covenant of Grace. To save us from our sinful nature, our sins, Satan, the Law, hell, and the Holy wrath of God. Believing sinner, sooner or later He will deliver us out of *ALL* our troubles.

Beloved, “*He will rejoice over thee with joy!*” I must admit, it is difficult to understand how God can rejoice over a believing sinner like you and a believing sinner like me. But as the bridegroom rejoices over his bride at the wedding, so Christ rejoices over His people. Beloved, we shall stand before Him on that Great Day, and He will publicly rejoice over us. Indeed, all of God’s people will be able to say with our brother Isaiah “*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*” (ISAIAH 61:10).

PASTOR

MAKE FAT THY BONES

“AND JESUS ANSWERED HIM, SAYING, IT IS WRITTEN, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.”

(LUKE 4:4)

Never did man yet catch harm by the enjoyment and fulness of the grace of God. There is no fear of excess, or of surfeiting upon [the grace of God]. Grace makes no man proud, no man wanton, no man haughty, no man careless or negligent as to his duty that is incumbent upon him, either from God or man. No. Grace keeps a man low in his own eyes, humble, self-denying, penitent, watchful, savory in good things, charitable; and makes him kindly affectionate to the brethren, pitiful and courteous to all men [God’s word declares beloved, “...*the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not*” (ISAIAH 58:11)].

[PASTOR] JOHN BUNYAN (1628–1688)

“CAUTION AGAINST SURFEITING, DRUNKENNESS & CARES OF THIS LIFE”

“...TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, LEST AT ANY TIME YOUR HEARTS BE OVERCHARGED WITH SURFEITING, AND DRUNKENNESS, AND CARES OF THIS LIFE, AND SO THAT DAY COME UPON YOU UNAWARES” (LUKE 21:34)

“*When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou [vomit up], and lose thy sweet words*” (PROVERBS 23:1-8). The wise man is guarding, in those verses, against two of the great leading sins of a fallen nature; the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The sin of luxury, and the deceitfulness of riches. And what multitudes among the sons of men are continually falling by their means. The Lord Jesus, in His unequalled manner, gives a caution against the surfeiting [excessive amount of eating] and drunkenness and cares of this life, lest the great day of account come in the midst of our enjoyment and find the soul unprepared [LUKE 12:16-20].

[PASTOR] ROBERT HAWKER (1753–1827)